

I would support having a narrow mode (CW, RTTY and PACKET) subband on the 5250-5400 proposed Amateur Radio segment. In general, on the bands where we do not have this (like 160 meters), the incompatibility of these modes to SSB transmissions is a constant headache. I would suggest 5250-5300 be reserved for CW and the rest of the band open to all modes.

As far as putting "listening before transmit" into the rules - I am not sure this would be useful. How would one enforce this?

I do share the apparent concern about opening this band up to all classes above General on SSB. I think this would result in a lot of QRM in the SSB section - and a lack of willingness to prevent QRM with other services. I see two solutions, only let Extra Class use SSB. This would reduce the congestion - and allow for more "experienced" operators to use their good judgement. The other option is to only allow CW/RTTY on this band - similar to the 10.1 MHz band segment.

I look forward to the opening of this band.

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